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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**MATTHEW S. GILL, ANDERS OLSEN, and
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Application No.: **10/530,091**

Filed: **03/13/2006**

For: **AUTOMATED METHOD FOR HIGH
THROUGHTOUT SCREENING OF
NEMATODES**

Examiner: **PAUL C. MARTIN**

Art Unit: **1657**

Confirmation No: **7528**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated 02/08/2007 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.

REMARKS

In the March 22, 2006 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-22, drawn to a method of screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode;

Group II: Claims 23-42, drawn to drawn to a device for screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode; and

Group III: Claims 43-65, drawn to a .kit for screening for the activity of one or more agents on a nematode.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-22.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 267-4161.

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